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EDITORIAL

Our National Commissioner

We are happy to learn that Our National Commissioner, Sri Justice Vivian Bose, has been elected the President of the International Council of Jurists. He was formerly the Vice-President of the Council and served as its Chairman at the International Conference of Jurists held in Delhi early this year.

Sri Bose has been connected with the Boy Scouts Association for well over 30 years and with the Bharat Scouts and Guides, for the last 9 years. He has, not only been our leader, but also has been a kind friend and guide for all these years and we congratulate him on the conferment of this great honour on him, of which our Association and our Country can well be proud of. We wish him many more honours in the years to come.

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Miss A. Karkare, Member of the World Bureau and Travelling Commissioner for Asian Areas

Miss A. Karkare, Member of the World Bureau and Travelling Commissioner for Asian Areas, is due to arrive in Madras on July 15 at 6-50 a.m. by Plane. We welcome her in our midst.

Her stay with us will be taken advantage of by those who are connected with Guiding. The knowledge gained through her will be utilised for the advancement of Guiding in our State.

While in Madras, Miss Karkare will be visiting various Guide Units and will attend a reception on 25th July at Wenlock Park, at 5-30 p.m. arranged jointly by our Association and the Southern Railway Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Miss Karkare will also attend a Guide Commissioners' Conference and give training to our Guide Commissioners and Ranger Leaders. She will visit various Guide Units in Trichy

and Madurai with our State Organising Commissioner (Guides), Miss C. John. Our Guiders and Commissioners should take the best out of Miss Karkare's vast experience and knowledge and give a new fillip to Guiding in their respective areas.

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A Conference of State Commissioners (Guides) is proposed to be held at Allahabad from 24th to 25th October 1959, just after the National Council Meeting, when the State Commissioners (Guides), State Organising Commissioners and State Secretaries could meet and discuss their problems. It is hoped that this Conference will be well attended and that fruitful results are achieved.

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The Celebration of Jubilee of Guiding in the United Kingdom

The Chief Commissioner, Commonwealth Headquarters, Great Britain, has sent an invitation to the Guides, to participate in the Jubilee Jamboree of Guiding which the Girl Guide Association in Great Britain is celebrating in the year 1960. Although it would cost each Guide or Ranger about Rs 4,200/- to cover all expenses and Air passage or about Rs. 2,500/- to cover all expenses and Sea Passage, it is worth-while to participate in this Jamboree. It will be an education by itself and when the participants come back they will be in a better position to run their Companies more efficiently. It is hoped that the District Associations will do their best to arrange to send a few Guides to this Jamboree to represent the Madras State.

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of our Association is due in August and arrangements are being made to see that the Meeting comes off as planned. All the Members are requested to be present at the Meeting and offer their co-operation in making it a success.

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Our State Organising Commissioner (Scouts) and Headquarter's Commissioner for Training, Sri M. Rajagopalan, has been authorised by the Boy Scouts International Bureau, to act as a Deputy Camp Chief for Cubs, Scouts and Rovers in our State from 8th May 1959. We congratulate him and wish him all the best in Scouting.

'Editor'

All-India Scout Commissioners and Secretaries' Conference

The following are the recommendations of the conference of the Commissioners and State Secretaries held at New Delhi on the 14th and 15th February 1959. The Conference divided itself into four groups and tackled the various questions. Views and comments on these may be forwarded to reach the National Headquarters by the end of August 1959.

Group No. 1

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Scout Journal

1. States should continue publishing their State Bulletins or Magazines. Those states who have not been able to bring out such a Bulletin should do so now in the interest of the Movement.

The National Headquarters should bring out a monthly Magazine in English—a standard one—not less than of 32 pages. The financial aspect is dealt below :—

1,000 copies-maximum expenses Rs. 7,000/- per year-50% to be contributed by the States, 350 copies Rs. Ten each—350 districts.

50% to be borne by the N.H.Q. by their contribution and the advertisements etc.

3. States should send monthly important material for publication to the N.H.Q.

States should be free to reproduce in their magazines articles from the N.H.Q. Magazine as they like. Translations also be made.

2. Literature.

1. Literature brought out either by the States or by the N.H.Q. or the translation work should be approved by the N.H.Q. prior to circulation and should be endorsed by it.

2. Literature to be used by Scouts and Guides should be either produced or approved by the N.H.Q.

3. Basic literature for Scouts should be produced in simple language.

4. The N.H.Q. should produce the basic literature in English, translation of the same to be made in the regional languages by the States (approved by the N.H.Q.) and in Hindi by the N.H.Q.

List of the approved literature already available in the market should be circulated by the N.H.Q. to the States.

5. Literature for Scouts should be cheap, handy and in simple language.

6. To solve the financial problem in this connection, the N.H.Q. and the State Associations should find suitable and standard publishers

to publish and sell the literature on terms and conditions to be agreed upon mutually.

7. Scout literature so produced should be got approved by the State Governments for circulation amongst schools, colleges and libraries, etc., both as Handbooks and Library books.

Publicity Literature :

1. Creation of a new post of Joint National Organising Commissioner for planning and development (Public Relations, Five Year Plan, Expansion of open Groups in rural areas, kindred relationship, reception and visits, and assistance to the International Commissioner). He should act as liaison also with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and other Government agencies.

2. Production of the following or other similar pamphlets :—

(a) For parents, guardians and general public.

(b) For prospective enlistments.

Titles suggested: 1. What is Scouting, 2. A word to parents, 3. Calls to boys and girls, 4. Give him a chance, 5. What others say, 6. Scouting an adventure, 7. Disciplined citizens, 8. World Brotherhood, 9. How you can help, 10. Scouting a National Service, 11. Scouting-a-preparation, 12. Scout-

ing and other Youth Movements, 13. Scouting and religion.

It is necessary that immediate action for bringing out such pamphlets should be taken by the N.H.Q. The editing of such pamphlets is left to the discretion of the N.H.Q.

Scout Equipment :

1. State stores.

2. N. H. Q. Equipment Department.

All kinds of badges and literature, flags, scarves for Commissioners and Scouters, and articles of Head dress, if it is decided to have one pattern for the whole country, be stocked by the N.H.Q., and sold through the State stores with a suitable margin of profit. The N.H.Q. should be authorised to sell belts.

State stores should stock for sale all articles of use by Scouts other than those given in para 1, camp equipment and general kits and gears. These things should also be sold to Districts and Scouts with a margin of suitable profit.

Support of Public and the Government :

The following suggestions are recommended :—

1. Celebrations of National festivals in a regulated manner.

2. Social Service activities with a view to develop civic

sense (formation of locality groups and groups in rural areas essential)

3. Organisation of camps on the occasion of floods, epidemics, fairs and gatherings etc. on an extensive scales.

4. Invite public to Scout functions-observation of parents day and formation of parents' committees.

5. Rallies in different places.

6. The programme for the contact with the guardians and parents of Scouts.

7. Distribution of publicity literature among the public.

8. Short speeches on the occasion of rallies on the efficacy of the Scout movement to the public.

9. Organise work camps and other similar activities in connection with the implementation of the Five-Year Plan.

10. Organisation of Scout Mela or festival during the Scout week. This festival should be organised in such a manner that all activities of Scouts and their attainments should be at the display. Public in larger number should be invited to see this. Exhibitions, Scout bazar, Pioneering projects, Scout parties at work, competitions, Rallies, Seminars should be included in the programme.

11. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to be

approached both on Central and State level for assistance in propagation of Scouting.

12. Weeklies, monthlies and other journals should be approached for assigning Scout corners for the use of States and N.H.Q.

13. Press be-informed of all functions of Scouts invariably.

Fund raising :

1. Receipts for donation issued by the N.H.Q. or by States for the donations received should carry a printed endorsement on them showing that the amount so donated is exempted from Income-tax as per rules of the Finance Ministry.

2. Suitable information with regard to above should be circulated through Scout Journals off and on.

3. Printing of Scout Diary and Scout Calendar mentioning important Scout engagements and programmes should be taken up by the N.H.Q. These things should be brought out much in advance-say in October-leaving a good time for circulation.

4. Article of stationery e.g., pencils, writing pads, etc. should be brought out by the N.H.Q. for sale.

5. Gramophone records of important and standard songs, the flag song, the prayers, the marching songs etc. in various regional languages should be made and kept for sale.

Scout week:

The dates suggested are from 7th to 14th November.

(i) 7th of November should be celebrated as the Scout and Guide Day throughout the country.

(ii) Every State should celebrate a Scout Week in the month of November on the lines suggested below:—

Group Level:

1st Day Flag hoisting and special group rallies.

2nd Day Parents contact, social gatherings and cultural displays.

3rd Day Group good turns.

District Level:

4th Day District Rallies and Campfires.

5th, 6th, and 7th Day Organisation of the Mela or the festival.

(iii) On the 14th of November the International Childrens Day - entertainment and film shows for the children to be organised.

TENTH WORLD JAMBOREE

Arrangements to have a small representative group of Scouts from India to attend the Tenth World Jamboree are well under way. The National Commissioner has appointed Shri Ram Swaroop Dhiman, D.C.C., State Secretary, Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides, as the leader of the Indian Contingent. Because of the financial difficulties and foreign exchange restrictions it may be only possible to send a small contingent with 20 Scouts and 3 Scouters including the leader. The selection of the Scouters and Scouts have been done by the leader in the ratio of 10 Scouts to 1 Scouter. Though the contingent is small every Scout selected has won his First Class Badge and has the skill in Scout craft, Pioneering, signalling, etc. Before the contingent leaves for Manila the selected Scouts will be at a 'get-together' camp at Delhi.

The contingent will fly from Calcutta about the second week of July and on the return journey the Scouts will have stop-overs at Hongkong, Bangkok and Rangoon for a day or two at each place. The contingent is expected back in India on the 3rd August.

HINTS FOR SCOUTMASTERS FOR 1959-60.

(SRI R. MESSIAH DOSS, S. O. C. (SCOUTS))

Remember that Scouting is a GAME for BOYS.

1. Divide the year into three terms :

July - September; October - December; January - March.

Prepare a general scheme of work for the whole year and a detailed programme for each term.

(Send a copy to the District Commissioner and Head Master of your School).

2. Conduct atleast one Troop Meeting every week in a *Fixed* place and at the *Fixed* time. The Troop will be in uniform at the last meeting. Practice 'Orderly movements' at every meeting.

(Inform the District Commissioner and the Head Master about this also)

3. Let all the aspirants (recruits) pass the Tenderfoot Tests, before September. Invest them with badges. Make atleast 75% of them Second Class Scouts by the end of the third term (i.e.) March.

At the close of the II year atleast 50% should get their I Class Badge.

Let every one of them earn 2 Proficiency Badges in the I year and another two in the II year.

4. Encourage the Scouts to maintain a "Good Turn" Note Book.

5. Give special training for Patrol Leaders and make them I Class Scouts at the end of the I year.

6. Arrange for two week-end Camps and one annual camp for 3 days every year.

7. Maintain the following records :

- (a) Attendance Register
- (b) Individual Progress Record
- (c) Log Book of activities
- (d) Accounts book
- (e) Equipment (property) Register

The following is a suggestive programme of work for Scouters who are sure to achieve good results; if an earnest attempt is made.

TENDERFOOT TESTS :

July :

- I The Scout Law 1 - 5
- II The Scout Law 5 - 10
- III The Scout Promise
Revision of the Scout Law.
- IV The Sign, the Salute, Badge.

August :

- I Composition of the Flag etc. National Flag & Bharat Scout Flag.

II The National Anthem.**III Tracking Signs.****IV Uses of the Staff.****September :****I Staff Drill****II Knots: Whipping, Reef, Sheet Bend, Clove Hitch****III Knots: Bowline, Sheep shank, Fisherman's Knot Round Turn and two Half Hitches.****IV Investiture.****October :****Second Class Tests.****I Cuts and Scratches Sprain**

Burns and Scalds

Bleeding from the nose.

II Stings of Plants and insects.

Snake-bites

Bites from Rabid animals.

Heat stroke and sun stroke Wounds.

III Triangular Bandages :

Large Armsling & Small armsling.

Hand, Knee, Foot and Head Bandages.

IV Shock :

Grit in the Eye.

How to summon adult help

Rules of health

Health Exercises.

November :**I Semaphore Signalling : 1 - 3 Circles****II 4 - 7 Circles****III Observation : Trailing, Kim's Game,****IV Scout Pace.****December :****I Pioneering: Timber, Hitch, Rolling.****II Revision: Hitch, Double-Sheet Bend.****III Square lashing****IV Diagonal lashing.****January : Fire and Cooking'****February :****I Compass to find the North****II Safety Rules.****III Drill****IV Revision.****March : Award of Badges.**

All-India Scout Commissioners' and Secretaries' Conference

GROUP II

I. How to secure more persons to help the Movement as Scouters, Commissioners, Instructors, Examiners and Supporters.

It was generally felt that the whole problem was in fact of that of finding suitable Scouters. Interested Scouters were able to solve the problem of Instructors and Examiners for the Groups. People were also generally found offering themselves for the ranks of Commissioners if proper approach was made to suitable people. The following suggestions are offered with a view to recruit more active Scouters :-

(1) Old Scout branch should be formed at Group or L. A. level.

(2) Co-operation of Ministry of Community Organisation and Central Social Welfare Board should be obtained to get manpower to run Groups. They should be requested to adopt Scouting as a programme for Youth Welfare in the Blocks and Centres.

(3) Formation of Group Committees with parents of Scouts as members should be encouraged and achieved.

(4) The Group authorities and the D.Cs LAs should ensure that for doing work in Scouting, Scouters/Guiders are not required to incur any expenditure themselves.

(5) Students in higher classes, i.e., of Rover age who have been good Scouts and find it difficult to continue their study due to financial difficulties may be helped by the Association by way of paying for their fees and books and in return they may be expected to work as Scouters or Asst. Scouters. The Association may establish a fund for this purpose.

A simplified system of training of Scouters should also be evolved for such Scouters.

(6) In the Training Schools and Colleges, Rover crews or clubs should be developed as soon as the session begins with the nucleus of old Scouts and Scouters found in most of these institutions. These crews or clubs should do as much practical work as possible and those interested should also be trained as Scouters towards the end of the term.

II. Necessary steps to have more open groups started.

(1) This question is linked up with the problem of Scouter. If a good Scouter is available, he will be able to form and run a group as we feel that there is no dearth of boys willing to take up Scouting.

(2) In our opinion open groups in the true sense of the word, i.e., where there is no sponsoring body would be difficult to form at present, but we suggest that among the sponsoring bodies the following bodies should also be included and they be approached to sponsor Scout Groups for boys under their influence.

Rotary Clubs, Panchayats, Factories, Trusts, Community Blocks, Central Social Welfare Board Projects and all such well established social welfare agencies or organisations.

(3) It would be advisable to have L.A.'s areas co-terminus with those of the Community Blocks.

III How to follow up the work done in preliminary training Camps :

(1) Effort should be made to strengthen personal contact between a Commissioner and Scouter and more human touch is necessary.

(2) More whole-time paid staff is needed for the organisation of the Movement.

(3) Immediately after training, the Scouter-in-Charge of the Camp and the State Headquarters should send a list of trainees to the D.C.'s concerned with a request to follow up.

(4) A scheme of Refresher Courses of 3 to 4 days duration be introduced.

(5) Social evenings of Scouters should be encouraged.

(6) After a trainee has formed the Group and taken a warrant, more personal contact and brotherly relationship is even more necessary between him and his D.C.

IV Commissioners-should they undergo a Course of training? How best to get this done?

(1) We are of opinion that a trained Commissioner would be able to perform his function better and they should be invited to do so; but training should not be made a condition precedent to appointment as a Commissioner.

(2) The training scheme for Commissioners has already been approved by the National Council.

(3) Camp-cum-Conference of Commissioners should also be encouraged and help occasionally to inspire and equip Commissioners.

V What are needed to make Local, District and Divisional Associations more active, consolidated and working in harmony?

(1) Closest possible relationship between D. Cs, A. D. Cs, A. S. Cs. and L. A. or D. A. Secretaries is considered most important.

(2) Outline of activities to be carried out on State level, Divisional and Local level should be given by State Headquarters and followed by A. S. Cs.

(3) Training Conference of District, Local and Divisional Secretaries should be conducted by the State Headquarters once a year.

(4) Too many rallies should be discouraged and too much competition in the rallies should be avoided.

(5) Visits to L. A., D. A., or Divisional, offices by the Organising Staff of the State Headquarters, at least once a year, should be treated as necessary. This should not be sacrificed at any cost.

VI Do the present rules clearly define the functions of the S. C. C., S. C. (S), State Secretary and S. O. C. (S)? Any modifications necessary.

After long discussion of the subject it was felt that more clarification of duties of these ranks is necessary and it is suggested that the A. P. R. O Sub-Committee may consider this or a separate committee be formed for this purpose.

VII Maintenance of records at Local, District and State and National levels.

(a) Is uniformity necessary?

(b) To draw up sample forms.

We feel that uniformity is necessary in the maintenance of records at all levels.

To achieve this, specimen forms be introduced by the National Headquarters and permission be granted to the States to print these.

VIII Training of Pupil teachers in Teachers' Training Schools.

The opinion, however, was divided on this. Some were of opinion that all pupil teachers should be trained. Others felt that it was waste of energy and time of the training team which we can ill afford at this stage and experience has shown that results of this effort are negligible. It is suggested that the whole Conference may discuss it.

IX Out of pocket expenses to Scouters :

We strongly feel that out of pocket expenses should be paid to Scouters as suggested in I (4) above.

X Relations with other Youth Organisations :

We believe in closest possible co-operation with other youth organisations having similar aims. We, however, feel that whatever be the actual working of the A.C.C. and N.C.C. Movements at group level we find that the Scout Movement has been adversely affected. This is due to various facilities and privileges granted by these organisations to cadets and officers and the boys and particularly young scouters are attracted towards these. The usefulness of the Scout training has amply been proved and acknowledged by the great army leaders of all nations.

We feel that the Government of India should be approached to treat A.C.C., N.C.C., and Scouting and Guiding on the same footing in respect of nation building and grant sufficient funds to the Scout and Guide movement so that they may be able to produce better results.

XI Badges.

It was learnt with satisfaction that the Bharat Scout and Bharat Guide badge is now available for distribution among Scouts/Guides.

Production of Jungle Goph should also be taken up.

It was felt that the name Bharat Scout/Bharat Guide created confusion. Change in the name was, therefore, necessary. Suggested names are "Ashok Scout", "Hind Scout".

XII Uniformity in uniform and in ceremonials.

(i) *Uniformity in Ceremonials:*

It was felt that at present uniformity in Head-dress should only be insisted. Head-dress should be made compulsory. It should be manufactured by the Equipment Department of the National Headquarters only and a suitable design should be approved.

(ii) *Uniformity in Uniform:*

This was also considered essential and the Chief Commissioner be requested to appoint a sub-committee to draw the pamphlet laying down all ceremonials in the Movement and also for joint parades of Scouts and Guides when they are held.

XIII Advisory Committee.

With a view to achieve active co-operation and sympathy of eminent citizens, it is suggested that an advisory committee be formed at National and State levels to advise on such international and national matters as are assigned to these and to execute the work. Such Committees may have a Chairman and Secretary.

XIV Scout/Guide Week.

Scout/Guide week should be celebrated by all States and on the same dates all over the country it will be a great help.

XV Rank of Commissioners.

It was felt that rank of a Commissioner should only be given for jobs involving active work regarding the training of Scouts/Guides and the appointment should be made for definite duties only.

XVI Government of India grant for hikes.

The Government of India should be approached to sanction aid for the hikes organised by Scouts under their scheme of aid to students for tours and excursions under the Youth Welfare Programme.

XVII Scheme of universities for introducing compulsory Social Services for students.

Service rendered as members of a Rover Scouts Crew of the College should qualify them for this.

XVIII Government Grant for Hobby workshops.

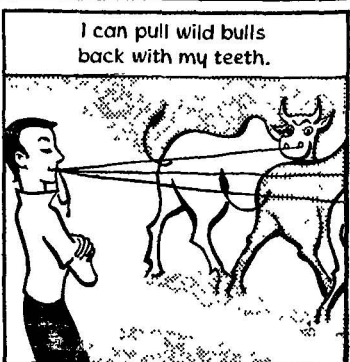
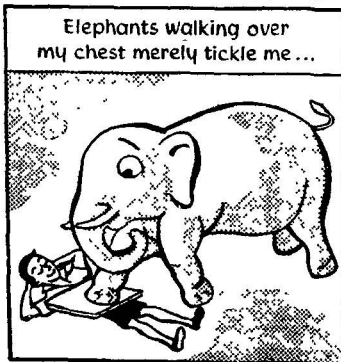
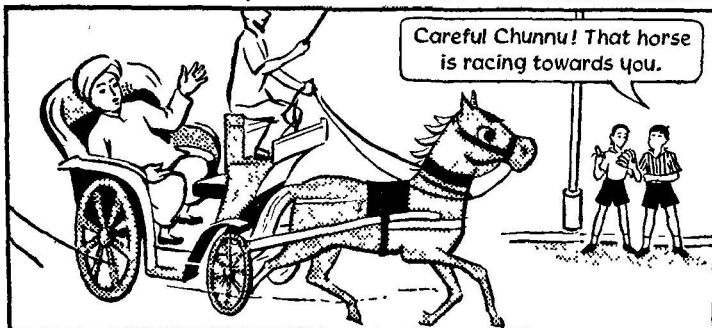
The Government should be requested to recognise L. As for giving aid for establishing Hobby Centres.

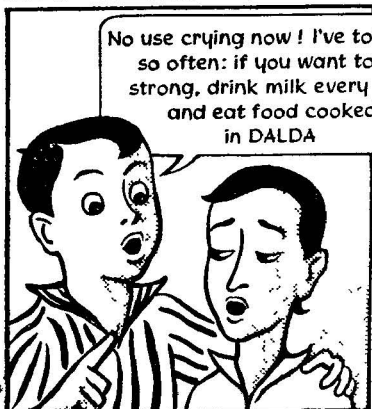
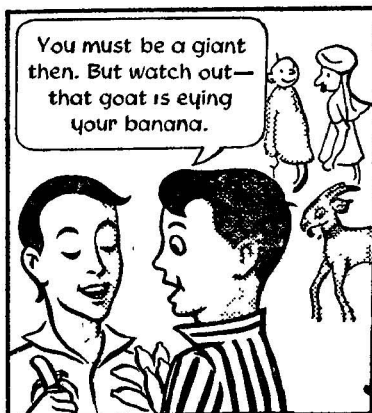


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DALDA-VANASRATI
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D AND MAKES
FOOD SO DELI-
CIOUS! TELL
YOUR MOTHER
TO COOK
YOUR FOOD
IN DALDA.



Cubmasters' Training for Gram Sevaks.

One hundred and ten Gram Sevaks under training at the Rural Extension Training Centre at Bhavanisagar, were given Cubmasters' Training in three batches from 18th May to 5th June 1959 in Bannari, an ideal camping place surrounded by thick jungle and high mountains. Sri R. Messiah Dsos, State Organising Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief, was assisted by Sri S. G. Ranganathan, Madras, at the first two camps and Sri V. P. Ramaswami, Asst. Deputy Camp Chief, Nilgiris, assisted the Camp Officer at the first and the third camps. Sri Lakshmi Ratan Bharathi, Asst. Development Commissioner (Trg.) and Sri M. Ram Mohan, Chief Organiser for Youth Leadership, attended a Camp fire on 28th May and expressed appreciation of the work done at the Camp, since it makes the campers active, cheerful and industrious. Sri J. H. S. Ponnaiya, Principal, presided over the Visitors' Evening on 4th June. A varied programme of interesting activities were gone through by the Trainees. The President said that he noticed a marvellous change in the students and advised them to make use of the training in their Villages. Mrs. R. E. MacLaine-Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides), Nilgiris District, who was a special visitor, was very much impressed with the cleanliness of the Camp and the perfect discipline of the campers and exhorted them to put into practice what all they had learnt in camp when they got out of the Training Centre. Earlier Sri R. Messiah Doss, Camp Officer, gave an account of the activities of the camp. Sri V. P. Ramaswami, Assistant Camp Officer, proposed a vote of thanks.

V P. RAMASWAMY,
Assistant Camp Officer.

INDIAN CHILD AMBASSADOR

The first INDIAN CHILD AMBASSADOR, Miss Firoza Irani, has left Bombay on the 11th April 1959, to start a month's tour of the United States, distributing recently shipped gifts from Indian children to their counterparts, selected from schools throughout the country. Miss Irani, was selected by a committee on the basis of an essay competition, organised by the Indian Branch of the SHARE YOUR BIRTHDAY FOUNDATION.

The programme of exchange of gifts has been organised in co-operation with the Share Your Birthday Foundation of Philadelphia, U.S.A., founded by Elizabeth Heller, ten years ago to foster better international understanding

between the children. The Indian branch has sent over 2000 gifts contributed by the Indian School children for distribution to American children. An American Child Ambassador with exchange gifts, will visit India next year.

1959 AUSTRALIAN ROVER-MOOT.

The Australian Boy Scout Association is holding the 1959 Australian Rover Moot from December 28, 1959, to January 2, 1960, at the Barney Gorge in the mountain ranges of Southern Queensland, some 300 miles north of Sydney. An invitation to Rover Scouts to attend the Moot has been received.

For further details please write to the State Headquarters Madras-5.

TRAINING IN THE U. K.

Miss M. Sen, Assistant State Organising Commissioner (Guides), Punjab, and Miss A. Roberio of Kerala who were selected to go to the U.K. for training under the World Association and Commonwealth Headquarters Scheme, left for the U. K. on the 22nd of March.

They will be receiving the training at different centres in England and Scotland and will be away for about 3 months.

This is the fourth batch of our trainers who will be receiving the training under the above scheme. So far selected Guiders from Bombay, West Bengal, U. P., Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Mysore, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Kerala and Punjab have been able to go to the U. K. and receive this all-important training which, we are sure, will be very useful to the Movement here.

News from the State Headquarters

(1) Finance Committee met at 6-30-P.M. on 19th June-1959.

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(2) *State Organising Commissioner (Scouts)*

Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner (Scouts) returned to Headquarters, after conducting 3 Cubmasters Preliminary Training Courses at Bannari, Bhavani-sagar.

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(3) *Guest House:*

(i) Mr. Gerald V. Fernando, Field Commissioner, Far-East, stayed on 1st and 2nd June 1959.

(ii) Sri S. Balasubramaniam, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), Nagapattinam, stayed on 11-6-1959.

17th INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CONFERENCE

23rd July to 3rd August 1959 at New Delhi.

The following Commissioners have been nominated by our State Chief Commissioner, Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu as observers at the Conference.

1. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner (Scouts), Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, Madras.

2. Sri K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner (Scouts), Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, Kumbakonam.

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAY

Honorary State Secretary.

District News

SALEM

Exhibition-Scout Craft

In connection with the 49th Madras State Educational Conference held at Municipal College, Salem, from 4th to 6th May, 1959, the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Salem organised an exhibition of Scout Craft. Sri G. Krishna-swamy, Rover Scout Leader, Nachiappa Rover Crew, Salem, was in charge of the Exhibition. The Exhibition was a unique one and attracted a large number of visitors including the delegates of the Conference. Among the distinguished visitors of the Exhibition was Sri A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, President of the Conference. Educationists from all over the State visited the Exhibition and were much impressed by the Exhibits. Exhibits were working models of Bridges, Rafts, and other pioneering projects. B.-P.'s Bust in egg-shell made by a Rover Scout was much appreciated. Scout Camp Gadgets, Charts, Camp equipments and other Scout articles of local manufacture by Rover Scouts themselves were also exhibited. A visitors book was maintained and there was an all round suggestion that the Exhibition should move out throughout the State. The success of the Exhibition is solely due to the efforts of the Rover Crews, Salem.

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Development of Scouting in the Estate Schools in the NILGIRIS.

Scouting was first introduced in 1932 in five Estate Schools. A fillip was given in 1953 by Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, District Commissioner (Guides) who organised a training Camp for Scouters and Guiders, as a result of which, eight groups were started in Craigmore, Glen-carnie, Woodlands; Melur Muttanad, Bhavani, Prospect and Bell View Estates. In order to find out the possibilities of further developing Scouting in all the Estate Schools, Sri R. Messiah Doss, State Organising Commissioner, Madras State, accompanied by Sri V. P. Ramaswami, District Scout Organiser (Estate Scouting), visited the following estates between the 7th and 17th May 1959: Katari, Naduvattam, Prospect, Bell View, Gudalur, Heartfield, Silver Cloud, Kokal, Asan Bava, Seaforth, Yellammallai, Glen-vans, New Hope, Kelly, Guynd, Lauriston, Thottapalam, Glendale and Chamraj. The extensive tour of the State Organising Commissioner who covered a distance of nearly three hundred miles, has created a keen interest in the Group Managers of Estates who have promised all support in the introduction of Scouting in their schools. The Tea Board has

already given a substantial grant to the District Association for the maintenance of a full-time Scout Organiser for the Estate Schools. Arrangements are being made to conduct training camps for the Cubmasters and the Flock Leaders in July and it is hoped that nearly fifty Scouters and Guiders will be trained in these camps and that over a thousand boys and girls would join the Organisation.

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Himalaya Wood Badge Certificates and PARCHMENTS.

Sri J. I. Muthiah. Camp Chief (Scouts), India has communicated the following procedure on the above subject.

"If a Scouter has earned a Himalaya Wood Badge in any of the sections of Scouting - Cubbing, Scouting or Rovering - he can go through the remaining Wood Badge Courses and will be issued the appropriate certificates if he completes them successfully. The Himalaya Wood Badge Parchment will be issued to him only for one branch of the Training and he will not be issued the Parchments for the other branches even though he has got certificates. This new rule has come into force with a view to facilitate Scouters to go through all the Courses if they like without being driven to the necessity of running different Scout Groups on different occasions only for the purpose of annexing the Part III Certificates."

SECOND PAKISTAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE

The Second Pakistan National Jamboree was held at Chittagong (East Pakistan). As many as 4,000 campers, representing Pakistan, Ceylon, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Malaya, Somalia and the United Kingdom attended. The Jamboree had its own village called Baizid Nagar, divided into four Sub-Camps named Khybar, Sunderban, Shalamar, and Karnaphuli. General Mohamad Ayub Khan, the President and Chief Scout of Pakistan, declared the Jamboree open.

From India a contingent of 8 Scouts attended. They had a delightful time in this "get together" of Scouts. They participated in all Scout activities including hiking and campfire items.

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